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Office Action Summary

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☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Nov 29, 1999

☒ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-3 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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1. The request for reconsideration under rule 111 filed November 29, 1999 has been received and entered into the record.
2. Claims 1-3 are pending in the case. Claims 4-15 were canceled by Applicants in there Amendment filed May 10, 1999.
3. All 35 U.S.C. statutes not cited in this Office action can be found cited in full in a previous Office action.
4. The Appeal is being held in abeyance.

35 USC 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

5. Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention for the reasons already of record on page 2 of the Office action mailed June 17, 1999
6. Applicant's arguments filed November 29, 1999 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues against this rejection on the grounds that the term "desired target solubility" was completely clear and distinct without the abundant explanation given in Applicant's specification, but that, especially in light of the explanation (and exemplification) of "desired solubility" supplied by Applicant in the specification, one skilled in the art, would find the claims to be clear and distinct, and have no difficulty understanding the metes and bounds of the subject matter claimed. However, this argument is not persuasive since the metes and bounds of the term "desired target solubility" cannot be determined without further explanation in the claims as to the exact solubility that is desired by the Applicant. Furthermore, this terminology does not fulfill the requirement of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, since this language does not point out and distinctly claim the subject matter and the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree of the term. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1 and 2 is maintained under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

35 USC 103 Rejection

7. Claims 1-3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bryant et al. (US Patent No. 5,624,940).

8. Applicant's arguments filed November 29, 1999 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argument on pages 3 and 4 of their response filed November 29, 1999 is not persuasive since the metes and bounds of Applicant's desired target solubility cannot be determined. The claims do not specify any particular salt of a compound and only indicate that the salts of the compound are being made soluble by combining the salts of the compound with cyclodextrin, which is well known in the art as indicated in the Bryant et al patent. The fact that Applicant is determining the solubility of a series of salts (which have not been specifically set forth in the claims) does not make the claims patentable over the prior art. Accordingly, the rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Bryant et al patent is maintained.

9. All the pending claims of record (claims 1-3) are rejected.

10. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

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11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to E. White whose telephone number is (703) 308-4621. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gary Geist, can be reached on (703) 308-1701. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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February 3, 2000

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